

Freedom of Information – Response – 26855

I am writing to request information on the following:

1. The number of hotels or other accommodation centres housing unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in your council area in the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Suffolk County Council does not have any hotels or accommodation centres for UASC children.

“Accommodation” has been interpreted as Ofsted Regulated Supported Accommodation. The number of addresses used is indicated in the table below:

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Addresses used | 21 | 32 | 35 | 39 | 41 | 20 |

2. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children housed in hotels or other accommodation centres within your council area that went missing in the years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. Please break this data down by year.

| Year | Total Missing Incidents | Individual UASC who went missing |
|------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2020 | 6 | 5 |
| 2021 | 75 | 36 |
| 2022 | 151 | 58 |
| 2023 | 39 | 18 |
| 2024 | 70 | 33 |
| 2025 | 10 | 9 |

3. Of the children that went missing in each year, please clarify how many of them were found and taken back into the hotels. (e.g., 60 children went missing in 2020, of which 3 were found).

| Year | Missing UASC | Found |
|------|--------------|-------|
| 2020 | 5 | 5 |
| 2021 | 36 | 36 |
| 2022 | 58 | 57 |
| 2023 | 18 | 18 |
| 2024 | 33 | 31 |
| 2025 | 9 | 8 |

4. For the children that went missing in each year, if possible, please clarify their age range (i.e., 60 children went missing in 2020, aged between 11 and 15. Of those children, 10 were found).

| Year | Age Range | Found |
|------|-----------|--------------|
| 2020 | 17 | All |
| 2021 | 14-17 | All |
| 2022 | 15-17 | 57 out of 58 |
| 2023 | 16-17 | All |
| 2024 | 16-17 | 31 out of 33 |
| 2025 | 16-17 | 8 out of 9 |

5. The nationalities of the children that went missing in each of the above years (e.g., 10 from Afghanistan in 2020; 13 from Algeria, etc.)

| Year | Nationalities |
|------|---|
| 2020 | Iranian-<5 Kuwaiti-<5 Sudanese-<5 Afghan-<5 Eritrean-<5 |
| 2021 | Sudanese-<5 Afghan-16 Iranian-6 Kuwaiti-<5 Guinean-<5 Iraqi-<5 Eritrean-<5 Turkish-<5 Libyan-<5 |
| 2022 | Sudanese-7 Afghan-24 Iranian-15 Guinean-<5 Iraqi-<5 Eritrean-<5 Syrian-<5 Moroccan-<5 Albanian-<5 Malian-<5 Vietnamese-<5 Unknown-<5 |
| 2023 | Sudanese-<5 Afghan-9 Iranian-5 Vietnamese-<5 |
| 2024 | Sudanese-6 Eritrean-<5 |

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| | Albanian-<5 Afghan-11 Iraqi-<5 Iranian-6 Turkish-<5 |
| 2025 | Albanian-<5 Sudanese-<5 Afghan-<5 Iranian-<5 Turkish-<5 Somali-<5 |